

**PLANT MATERIALS TRAINING**  
**USDA-NRCS Plant Materials Center (PMC)**  
**3308 University Drive**  
**Bismarck, North Dakota**  
**August 1-3, 2006**

**August 1, 2006 (Tuesday) - Day 1**

8:00 a.m.	Welcome and Introductions	Todd Schwagler, SRC J. R. Flores, STC
	Plant Materials Program, National and Regional Perspective – New Video	Dwight Tober, PMS
	Operations at the Bismarck PMC	Wayne Duckwitz PMC Manager
10:00 a.m.	Break	
10:15 a.m.	Current Studies and Related Activities Chokecherry Study; Bur Oak Study; Tree and Shrub FEP's; Hackberry; Skunkbush Sumac Seed Collection	Mike Knudson PMC Forester
	Forbs and Legumes; National Park Service; New Collections; Seed Packets; Demonstration Plots; Foundation Seed Production	Nancy Jensen PMC Agronomist
11:30 a.m.	Lunch on your own	
12:30 p.m.	PMC Field Tour Buildings; Equipment; Seed Production Fields; Demonstration Plots; Prairie Landscaping; Grass Garden; Chokeberry Evaluation	PMC Staff
2:30 p.m.	Break	
2:45 p.m.	Field Office Involvement/Participation Requesting Plants/Seed; Assisting with Data Collection; Information Requests; Demonstration Plantings; Seed Collection; Technical Assistance; Training Opportunities	Dwight Tober
3:45 p.m.	Seed Cleaning Demonstration Fanning Mills; Debearder; Indent Separators; Bagging; Storage; Testing	Earl Aune, Biological Technician Mike Bellon, Seed Processing Technician
4:30 p.m.	Adjourn for the day	

**August 2, 2006 (Wednesday) - Day 2**

8:00 a.m.	Native Forbs and Legumes - The Top Ten Species! Identification; Wildlife Value; Ecology; Invasiveness; Sources/Origins; Availability	Dwight Tober
	Seed Origin – What They Don’t Always Tell You!	
	Prairie Landscaping and Urban Conservation Why, How, and What For?	
9:00 a.m.	Grasses – They’re Not All The Same! Identification; Site Adaptation; Vegetative Characteristics; Sources; Seasonality; Invasiveness	Nancy Jensen
10:30 a.m.	Break	
10:45 a.m.	Horizon Middle School (travel in vans to site) Outdoor Classroom; On-Site Plant Identification; Native Landscaping; Site Management	Rick Olwell, Teacher Dwight Tober Jeff Printz SO Rangeland Specialist
12:30 p.m.	Lunch (enroute to Capitol Grounds)	
1:45 p.m.	Centennial Grove Arboretum (Capitol Grounds) Tree and Shrub Identification	Mike Knudson Craig Stange, SO Forester
3:00 p.m.	Travel to Game & Fish Building	
3:15 p.m.	Maximizing the Wildlife Potential Backyard Wildlife for the Homeowner  Attracting Wildlife to the Back 40	Wayne Duckwitz Chris Grondahl ND Game & Fish Dave Dewald SO Biologist
4:15 p.m.	Load Vans/Return to PMC	
4:30 p.m.	Adjourn for the day	

**August 3, 2006 (Thursday) - Day 3**

8:00 a.m.	Seed Quality – What’s Good and What’s Bad? PLS; Germination and Purity; Dormancy; TZ; Debearding; Tagging; Seed Labs	Nancy Jensen
8:30 a.m.	Lincoln-Oakes Nurseries Tour	Greg Morgenson, L-O-N Manager
10:00 a.m.	Break	

10:15 a.m.	PM Specialist Update – What’s New? New Releases; New Concepts/Technology; Field Plantings; FEPs; Information Program/Plants Database; Collections	Dwight Tober
10:45 a.m.	Noxious Weeds and Invasive Species	Ken Eraas, Noxious Weed Specialist, ND Dept. of Agriculture
11:30 a.m.	Lunch on your own	
12:30 p.m.	Trees and Shrubs, The Basics	Mike Knudson
	Designing Tree Plantings	Craig Stange
	Handling and Planting	Roy Laframboise Manager Towner State Nursery, ND Forest Service
3:00 p.m.	Break	
3:45 p.m.	Grass Drill Demonstration Seedbed Preparation	Wayne Duckwitz and PMC Staff
4:30 p.m.	Adjourn for the session. Thanks for coming!	